

## I-405 Projects Update

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### Be informed about upcoming I-405 traffic closures

Information is one of your greatest tools to get where you're going quickly and safely during freeway construction. We're glad to steer you toward the best sources of information on our Web site:

- [Construction Update Report](#) – We update this page every Thursday afternoon, or more often if needed. You can also link directly to and bookmark the sections that cover traffic closures related to [I-405 construction](#).
- [Travel Options](#) – This page offers suggestions for modes of commuting that can save you money, time, stress and more – explore the benefits.

And don't forget about our highway advisory radio messages. You can hear them on your car radio at on 530 or 1520 AM as you drive on I-405 through the Totem Lake area of Kirkland.

### We need your help: avoid Thanksgiving cross-Cascades travel and tell your family and friends

We hope you read the [message](#) we sent last Friday regarding cross-Cascades travel this coming weekend. We appreciate your cooperation in spreading the word.

### Construction crews give holiday travelers and shoppers a break



To accommodate holiday weekend travelers, we ask construction crews to stop work at noon the day before a holiday weekend and resume the day after the weekend. For example, this week most crews will stop work at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 23 and resume on Monday, Nov. 28.

Crews working on Sound Transit's [Totem Lake Freeway Station Project](#) are building many retaining walls required to widen I-405 and make room for the direct access ramps in the median. We recently paved to the right of the northbound lanes and will be shifting northbound traffic outward from the median soon. The east support for the new NE 128<sup>th</sup> bridge is in place, and the west support is coming along quickly.

Next month, we plan to begin placing deck panels for the widening of the I-405 bridges over NE 132<sup>nd</sup> Street. Over the past weeks we've been [installing the 15 columns](#) that will support the additional width. As of this writing we have two shafts left to drill.

## You're invited to December open houses for I-405 projects

WSDOT is planning two projects to improve I-405 between downtown Bellevue and I-90, and between Renton and Bellevue. These projects are designed to enhance safety, relieve congestion, increase travel speeds during rush hours and facilitate freight movement through the corridor.

We examined over 20 environmental issues in the Bellevue and Renton areas, including air quality, cultural resources, noise and wetlands. Visit the I-405 public open houses to learn what we found in these studies and to speak with project planners and engineers.

- [Bellevue Nickel Improvement Project Open House](#)
  - Tuesday, Dec. 6, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bellevue Central Library
- [Renton to Bellevue Project](#) Open House
  - Thursday, Dec. 8, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Renton Housing Authority

## Bellevue Direct Access Project honored nationally

The [I-405 Bellevue Direct Access Project](#) was opened to traffic nearly one year ago. WSDOT, Sound Transit and the city of Bellevue delivered this project more than a year ahead of schedule and approximately \$25 million under budget.

Many local and national organizations have recognized the project team's achievements with [prestigious awards](#). WSDOT's design consultant, HDR, Inc., has also been asked to present the project at various engineering conferences around the country. Next week they will do a presentation in Orlando, Florida at the World Steel Bridge Symposium, and next month a presentation is planned for the Federal Highway Administration's Accelerated Bridge Construction meeting in San Diego, California.

We aspire to complete all our projects with this level of success, and we will continue to work hard to improve our roadways for all users.